

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: November 15, 2003

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Pre-Licensure Training Requirements

Section Affected: 1382.5; 1382.6

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

To amend section 1382.5 which would require all persons applying for a license as a psychologist who began their graduate training on or after January 1, 2004 to complete a course in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention training and to adopt new section 1382.6 which would require all persons applying for a license as a psychologist who began their graduate training on or after January 1, 2004 to complete a training course in aging and long-term care.

Factual Basis/Rationale

Current board regulation 1382.5 sets forth the requirements for all persons applying for a license as a psychologist who began graduate training on or after January 1, 1995 to, in addition to all other requirements for licensure, complete coursework in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies. The course shall consist of not less than a combined total of two (2) classroom hours focused on the topic. The proposed regulation, pursuant to SB 564, Chapter 481, Statutes of 2002, would require all persons applying for a license as a psychologist who began their graduate training on or after January 1, 2004 to complete this course, however, such course shall consist of at least fifteen (15) contact hours.

New section 1382.6 would add language pursuant to SB 953, Chapter 481, Statutes of 2002, which would require all persons applying for a license as a psychologist who began their graduate training on or after January 1, 2004 to complete a course in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention training requirements which shall consist of at least ten (10) contact hours. This new section would also add language which states that an applicant may request an exemption from this requirement if he or she intends to practice in an area that does not include the direct provision of mental health services.

Underlying Data

SB 564 (Attachment A)
SB 953 (Attachment B)

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.